



**FREE PALESTINE**

**STOP  
ARMING  
ISRAEL**

**Israeli airstrike on Gaza City 9 Aug 2018 destroys Said al-Mishal Cultural Centre**

184 Palestinian civilians have been killed and over 10,000 wounded in Gaza by Israeli snipers, air strikes and missile attacks since 30<sup>th</sup> March, in unarmed protests demanding the Right of Return for refugees and an end to the illegal siege. Most Gazans are refugees (and their descendants) from ethnic cleansing during the creation of Israel in 1948.

Victims include journalists wearing press markings, medics tending the wounded, and children, some shot in the head from behind. 101 have had upper or lower limbs amputated. In a shoot-to-kill spree on 14<sup>th</sup> May, snipers slaughtered 61, including 8 children.

Israel is an apartheid state, facing Palestinian resistance (which is an international right) in the Occupied Territories (West Bank, East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Gaza); inside Israel; and with refugees in the Middle East and worldwide.

Inside Israel, excluding the Occupied Territories, one in five citizens is an indigenous, non-Jewish Palestinian. On

19<sup>th</sup> July, Israel passed the “nation state” law, declaring that “Israel is the historic homeland of the Jewish people and they have an exclusive right to national self-determination in it”. The law stripped Arabic of its designation as an official language alongside Hebrew.

“The state has declared that it does not want us here. It has passed a law of Jewish supremacy and told us that we will always be second-class citizens,” said Ayman Odeh, leader of the Arab Joint List in the Knesset (Parliament).

To sustain repression, Israel relies on international support – military, economic, financial, diplomatic – principally from the US but also from Britain, where the story began. Withdrawing that support can be our contribution to ending Israeli apartheid.

Britain has a two-way arms trade with Israel. High Street banks, including HSBC and Barclays, have £billions invested in arms companies supplying the Israeli military. HSBC claims to have an ethical investment policy. Learn more 